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## THE OLD SCHOOL IS GREAT SUCCESS

Methodist Church Entertainment Howlingly  
Funny--Large Crowd--Receipts Satisfactory to Promoters

The "School Children" of the Methodist Episcopal church gave an entertainment in Matkin Hall last Friday evening, which has set the pace for amateur productions here in Cimarron for some time to come, and which was probably never before equalled in point of general excellence here in Cimarron. For six weeks the members of the cast of "The Old School," which was the title piece produced, have been working hard on their parts, and have been faithfully attending rehearsals about four times a week. The production might be called a farce comedy, or any other old thing that implies bubbling mirth and laughter producing situations, because from start to finish, the large audience was kept in a storm of merriment by the cast, which proved beyond a doubt that there is nothing quite so funny as grown up boys and girls. The girls' parts were all taken by ladies whom we hesitate to state, and for this sin may we be duly forgiven will never see sixteen again. Strong sturdy men took the characters of little boys, and the result was a great laughter causing success.

Scene I was entitled "On the road to school. A country road, time 8 a. m." The stage scenery was very realistic. A real barb wire fence had been built, real trees were growing, and all that was needed to make the stage grass grow was real water. The scene opened with little boys and girls going to school. Childish flirtations were indulged in, and the little girls fear of things creeping was shown, a great spider web on the fence being the cause.

The peaceful quiet of the country lane was suddenly broken by the appearance of a big snake. But brave little Johnny Short, assisted by Benjamin Long were equal to the occasion, and the reptile was quickly sent to the happy snake heaven. But in the execution, the club in the hands of Johnny Short hit the toe of Benjamin Long and a crushed foot was the result.

Scenes two and three depicted the inside of a country school room over which the stern rod wielding teacher held full sway. Jim Henry Cobb and Jacob Von Hoffenstein, the worst boys in school, certainly earned the title by their actions, much to the disgust of Mary Ellen's cousin from the city. There were the boy who asks questions, the daintily little chap, the scrappy kid who is mighty glad he isn't a girl, and in the words of James Whitcomb Riley:

"I loves tereahugh green apples,  
An' go swimmin' in ther lake;  
But I hates ter take the castor ile  
They gives fer bellyache."

There were the coy misses, the little girl who is not afraid to use her eyes, the cry baby, the giggler and almost every kind of little girl. In fact, about every disposition belonging to little boys and girls were shown in an excruciatingly funny manner in the school room, and the audience were convulsed with laughter verging almost on tears at every moment of the performance.

The school children sang a song entitled, the "Spotted Farm," and were greatly applauded. The demand for an encore was satisfied by the teacher announcing that if the audience would keep very quiet, he would try and have his little charges sing the touching ditty backwards. Accordingly, they all turned around the other way and sang it again. The Cimarron band, composed of four pieces, was another hit of the evening, as was also the grand opera of Emma Eames and Jean de Reszke. Between acts two and three, Mrs. F. W. Brooks rendered a song entitled "Sing Me to Sleep" in her usual pleasing manner. The music of the

evening was rendered by the Methodist church orchestra, which has been in practice for some months.

The cast of characters was as follows:

Joshua Toothache, teacher--Charles Scott.  
Isaac Rozinski, with his troubles--Tom Vest.  
Emma Eames--Maybelle Ogilvie.  
Jean de Reszke--Bobbie Cartwright.  
Lorenzo and Lorena Juniper--Mr. Walls and Mrs. McDonald.  
Johnny Short--Mr. Troutman.  
Benjamin Long--Mr. Beckett.  
Mug Radd--Mr. Pelphrey.  
Jim Henry Cobb--Mr. Hunter.  
Jacob Von Hoffenstein--Mr. Vest.  
Corwin Kilgore--Mr. Hickman.  
Salvation Sampson--Mr. Nance.  
Mary Ellen Crockett--Mrs. Hunter.  
Olivia Henrietta Arabella Sec--Mrs. Chesworth.  
Indiana Crabtree--Mrs. Ogilvie.  
Deliverance Dodgett--Mrs. Masten.  
Temperance Teaberry--Mrs. Troutman.  
Set-still Campbell--Mr. Slocum.  
Doc Quackenbush--Mr. Barlow.  
Andrew Montgomery--Mr. Chesworth.  
Elizabeth Jane Crabtree--Mrs. Wilson.

Emazilla Uphill--Mrs. Brevoort.

The entertainment was given to help pay off the church debt that has been gradually reducing for some time past. The entertainment was well attended and the net proceeds will amount to about \$50 after all necessary expenses are paid. A neat program was gotten out and the merchants and business men of the city were very liberal in placing their ads on the extra pages of the program. Taking it all in all, "The Old School at Cimarron" was probably the best amateur performance that has ever been given in Cimarron, and it will be a long time before it is again equalled.

## CONFERENCE JULY 24TH

Presiding Elder Rev. B.  
T. James Will Hold  
Conference Here

The regular Quarterly Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church here in Cimarron will be held on the days, July 25th and 26th. Rev. J. Alfred Morgan has received word from Rev. B. T. James that he will arrive in Cimarron on the evening of Friday, July 24th, and will remain here over Sunday, leaving on the Monday morning train, July 27th. Mr. James stated that he would hold the Conference while here and asked that every church member and officer be notified so that all reports and business to come before the Conference might be attended to and gotten in shape for action.

Rev. James has made Cimarron a visit regularly for some time past, and his talks and thoughts on things general as well as spiritual are full of kindness and good judgment. He is a most pleasant man to meet.

### HELLO OFFICE RE-LOCATED.

The long distance telephone office, which was formerly located in the building of the Cimarron Drug and Stationery Co., has been removed to the new Riley building, one door east, into the confectionery store of Wright & Robertson.

## WIERD SIGHT JULY THIRD

GHOSTLY NIGHT SHIRT PARADE CAUSES GREAT EXCITEMENT -- BLAZING TORCHES GIVE LIGHT

Recently, Cimarron was awakened by an unusual demonstration by a weird band as ever performed for Klu Klux Klan. At the hour of midnight, the peaceful stillness was broken by frightful howls and cries. Startled citizens peered from behind closed shutters to see about fifty grotesque figures performing all sorts of dancing contortions, dressed in the white and ghostly robes of night to which mankind has been accustomed to garb himself on seeking the downy couch. The scene was lit up by numerous torches, which each of the weird band held in his hand. Under the leadership of Big Smoke, Wm. Lambert, the midnight raiders paraded the old plaza in old town and then went to the ball park in new town and there held their revelries anew. The torches used were old brooms soaked in coal oil, and the event was gotten up in celebration of the incoming of the Glorious Fourth.

### GARDENER STRUCK DEAD BY AN ELECTRIC WIRE

Colorado Springs, July 14--Joseph Pelas, aged 30, a gardener, came in contact with a trolley feed wire while dumping refuse into Fountain creek in the southern part of the city yesterday afternoon, and was instantly killed. Pelas is survived by a widow and three small children.

## TERRITORY VS. FULTON

Duquette's Charges of  
Resisting an Officer  
Fall Through

The case of the Territory vs. Fulton, which has been attracting quite a little excitement here in Cimarron, has been disposed of by Justice of the Peace J. S. Wilson, before whom the case came up on preliminary hearing. The charge in the case was that of resisting an officer while making a lawful arrest. W. H. Duquette, who has been holding himself out to the public as a constable, being the complainant and prosecuting witness.

The evidence in the case was conflicting in slight points on the part of the prosecution, Duquette averring that he had a warrant issued to him as constable, directing him to arrest Fulton on the charge of assault and battery made upon the person of Duquette himself, on the evening of July third. According to Duquette's story, he went up to Fulton and politely informed him that he was under arrest, at the same time reading the warrant to him. He averred that Fulton then started toward him in a threatening manner and took hold of him. Fearing for his safety, he then pulled his six shooter and was about to use it as a club when Deputy Sheriff Wilson came on the scene and made the arrest. Deputy Sheriff Wilson stated on the stand that when he came on the scene Duquette whipped his gun out of his holster and pointed it at Fulton, and that he himself ordered Duquette to drop his gun point, which he did. All witnesses for the prosecution stated that they had seen no blows struck by the defendant.

After the introduction of the evidence for the prosecution, a motion was made by the defense to discharge the defendant on the grounds that Duquette, the man who attempted to make the arrest was not at that time an officer of the law and

had never been duly commissioned as a constable, and for the further reason that if he were a constable, he was disqualified to serve process or make arrests in a case in which he himself was interested or connected as complainant. Without introducing any testimony as to the resistance made, the defense showed that the bond which Duquette had sent to the County Commissioners had never been approved by them, nor had it ever been recorded with the "Record of Official Bonds" in the office until his bond has been approved by the proper persons or body and then recorded in the "Record of Official Bonds" in the office of the County Recorder. It was shown that Duquette had paid no attention to these matters of law and had simply assumed to act as Constable under a letter from the County Clerk informing him of his appointment by the County Commissioners, and directing him to make out a bond and send it in for approval.

Having proved that Duquette was not an officer of the law and never had been, and that he was not therefore entitled to make arrests, the motion of the defense was sustained and Fulton was discharged.

To a representative of the Citizen after the trial, Mr. Fulton said: "Duquette and I had been mixed a little the night before this arrest in question was made. On the morning of the Fourth, I was on the depot platform when Duquette came up to me and grabbed me by the arm, telling me to come along with him. That I was under arrest. When he started to drag me away, I naturally pulled back, and wanted to know what the arrest was for. After some tugging he shoved what he said was a warrant into my face, and at the same time showed a gun into my stomach. Believing that Duquette was not an officer, and knowing that if he were he had no right to make an arrest in a case in which he was complainant, I refused to go with him. When Deputy Sheriff Wilson came up, I went along with him without any trouble. Duquette's case of assault and battery against me fell through, and so he brought this other charge, which has also fallen through."

## WILL HAVE BOWLING

Cox to Put in Double  
Alley--Will Build  
New Building

A. C. Cox, the proprietor of the Cimarron Pool hall, will install a bowling alley in connection with his present business in the near future. Mr. Cox does not have room enough in his present quarters to put in an alley, and so he is expecting to start building an addition to his building on Tenth street for the installation of the alley. The new alley will be a double Brunswick-Blake alley of the best approved design and faultless construction. It will be the regulation size and will add greatly to Cimarron's entertainment.

Mr. Cox stated that he will have two nights out of the week reserved as ladies' night, when none but ladies and their escorts will be allowed the use of the alleys or even to be in the building. In this manner it is hoped that the ladies will enjoy the use of the alleys to the utmost. It will at least give them a new and enjoyable form of amusement.

There is already talk of forming bowling clubs of both men and women, and bowling parties will now be a common thing hereafter in Cimarron. Mr. Cox will keep a record of the scores and possibly offer prizes to those making the best average scores throughout each month. This is a detail that has not been exactly settled on as yet, but will no doubt come in the near future. The Citizen wishes Mr. Cox all success in his new enterprise.

## KIT CARSON HONORED

The Masons Dedicate  
Enclosure of Grave  
of Kit Carson

Members of the Masonic Fraternity gathered at Taos, New Mexico, July 8th, to fittingly dedicate an enclosure about the grave of Christopher Carson, more familiarly known as Kit Carson.

A resolution prepared by Mr. C. J. Crandall, of Santa Fe, and presented to the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of New Mexico, meeting at Carlsbad, N. M., received favorable action and an iron fence was prepared and erected about the lot where the remains of illustrious Brother Christopher Carson are buried in the Taos cemetery.

Grand Master J. W. Willson, deputy Nathan Jaffa, acting Grand Master; Solomon Spitz, acting Senior Warden; Samuel Eldred, acting Junior Warden; Clinton J. Randall as Masters of Ceremonies; Isaac W. Dwyer, as Chaplain, officiated at the dedication as representatives of the Grand Lodge.

The Fraternity was represented from ten different states, Maine to California, and Oregon to South Carolina.

The line of march was formed at Taos Hotel and proceeded to the cemetery, twenty-four brothers being in line.

Master of Ceremonies C. J. Crandall, at the grave read the communication from Grand Master Willson which authorized the dedication of the enclosure by his representatives.

Deputy Grand Master Jaffa offered prayer, after which he directed Deputy Grand Junior Warden Eldred to attend to his duty at the grave by the placing of a bunch of roses on the grave; following with a few remarks Deputy Grand Senior Warden Spitz then performed a similar duty at the grave. The Grand Master placed a sprig of evergreen upon the grave and delivered the principal address, narrating in an eloquent manner the incidents in the life of Brother Carson as they effected the nation, the territory and the Fraternity.

Further remarks relative to the character of the man were made by Master of Ceremonies Crandall, after which Chaplain Dwyer offered prayer.

The line of march was then resumed to the former residence of Kit Carson where photographs were made of the brothers in line.

In the evening a banquet was tendered by the Masonic Fraternity of Taos county to officers and members of the Grand Lodge and visiting brothers at the Taos hotel, a vacant chair marked the material absence of the illustrious brother whom he gathered to honor.

Dr. T. P. Martin was toast master, fulfilling the duties in a most efficient and pleasing manner. The address of welcome was given by Bro. I. W. Dwyer, response by Deputy Grand Master Nathan Jaffa.

Bros. Clinton J. Crandall, Indian agent at Santa Fe, Solomon Spitz and Isaac W. Dwyer, formed the committee of the Grand Lodge while the local committee of arrangements was composed of Bros. B. G. Randall, Frank C. Ellis and Gerson Gusdorf. Reception committee: T. P. Martin, Abe Smith, Chas. Craig and S. Weddles.

Invitation committee: G. A. Dennis, Alex. Anderson, W. S. Witt.

In addition to those mentioned in the foregoing, the following brothers were present:

Wm. A. Anderson, Taos, N. M.; Banker N. Black, Elizabethtown, N. M.; Blair Bumwell, Durango, Colo.; J. R. Chambers, Lobo, N. M.; R. V. Dieckman, Serrilleta, N. M.; Richard Edgecomb, Taos, N. M.; Ernest Holloway, Taos, N. M.; M. H. Kinney, Taos, N. M.; Chas. H. Randall, Livermore Falls, Me.; Louis L. Small, Denver, Colo.; W. M. Moody, Rinconada, N. M.

The historical events in the life of

Kit Carson as narrated by Grand Master Jaffa and others in their addresses and by Captain Smith H. Simpson, who was closely associated with Kit Carson during his life at Taos, are briefly outlined here. He was born of Virginian parents in Kentucky and is mentioned to have occurred by the various authorities from 1805 to 1809. Early in life he was apprenticed to a saddler but soon tired of the confinement and came west and is next heard of as hunter and trapper to the garrison of Fort Bent in what is now the State of Colorado. His hunting and trapping trips while in the employ of the garrison and on his own account covered all this western country as far as the Pacific Ocean and no one was more familiar with mountains and deserts than he. When Colonel John C. Fremont selected him at the suggestion of Lucien B. Maxwell, he had the best guide procurable to pilot him on this hazardous journey to the Pacific. The trail is still well defined in many places. The trees on steep hillsides bear the mark of ropes used in keeping upright the wagons loaded with supplies. The old smooth bore cannons which were taken on the trip and used in the California campaign at Monterey and Los Angeles are now preserved at the Court House in Los Angeles, California.

After the surrender of the Mexicans, Kit Carson was employed in the conveying horseback of important papers between California and the East for the government for which his compensation is reported to have been \$500 per month and expenses.

Kit Carson's services were most valuable to Fremont, the latter being tyrannical in his treatment of Indians and mountaineers, while Carson was quiet and kind, he would smooth over the roughness made by his commander and be to these people like oil spread upon troubled waters of the sea.

In 1851 Carson was appointed Indian agent, first stationed at Cimarron, afterward at Taos.

The Pueblos, Utes and Apache tribes were his charges, they being located about Cimarron, Ute Park and to the north and west.

Kit Carson was as a father and brother to the Indians their adviser and friend at all times, their superior at woodcraft, hunting and trapping. He never deceived the Indian and they respected him. No other man knew the Indian so well as he--familiar with their languages, characters and customs, it is no wonder that he held their confidence and regard.

There is at least one Indian now living who accompanied Carson on many of his scouting trips, by name, Nah-ab-gee-oh-tzur of Jicarilla tribe of Apaches, whose father was Chief.

The tribe was located on what is now the Bartlett and Adams ranch in northern Colfax county. The Apaches were at war with the Comanches. A decisive battle was fought on Costilla Mountain in which this young brave displayed much valor and thereby received his name, which means "Left Two," there being only two of the Comanches left who had taken part in this battle. This Apache, now old, is proud of his acquaintance with Kit Carson and relates incidents to his friends wherein Carson is always the hero.

At the breaking out of the Civil war, Kit Carson joined with Colonel Ceran St. Vrain in enlisting a regiment of native soldiers known as 1st New Mexican organized in June 1861. Ceran St. Vrain as colonel and Kit Carson as Lieutenant Colonel. Shortly after being mustered into the service St. Vrain resigned as Colonel and Kit Carson rose to that command. The regiment participated in the battles at Val Verde. A portion of his command occupied Fort Craig and later he rendered assistance to Fort Stanton and Bascom. He had command of the expedition against the Navajos in 1863, defeating them at Canon de Chelly, Rito Quenado, on the Little Colorado, near the San Francisco mountains, at Pueblo, Col., near Oraibe and at Mesa la Baca.

In 1865, he occupied Fort Garland in Colorado, where his command remained until mustered out, October, 1867. In 1865 he was commissioned a brigadier general. After the war he resided with Thos. Boggs on the Arkansas in Colorado. Mr. Boggs raised the younger children of Carson after his death which occurred May 23, 1869. He was at Fort Lyons under

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